



BORDEAUX 2018

The Lafite Rothschild family has been producing wine in Bordeaux since 1868. For six generations, they got to know this beautiful landscape and understand the unique traits of the vines from each appellation. Three decades ago, the family was inspired to create a new wine series, where each wine would be the epitome of the appellation it came from. Their motivation was simple – to ensure wine lovers everywhere could dive into Bordeaux and taste the originality of each appellation. And so, Réserve Spéciale range was born.

■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

Appellation : AOC Bordeaux, France

Réserve Spéciale Bordeaux rouge comes from Entre-deux-Mers région.

Terroir : Entre-deux-Mers vineyard rests on the hillsides located between the two rivers South East of Bordeaux : the Dordogne and the Garonne. This vast territory offers an interesting diversity of terroirs and soils, ranging from chalky-clay plots well suited for Merlot, to well-exposed gravelous slopes perfect for Cabernet Sauvignon.

■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

2018 will no doubt be one of Bordeaux's great vintages, despite some particularly capricious weather: an exceptionally rainy winter and spring resulted in an unprecedented threat of mildew, the like of which had not been seen in living memory; May and July then brought devastating hailstorms that destroyed up to 80% of some vineyards. Fortunately, the situation improved dramatically over the summer, which was the hottest since 2003. Conditions were ideal for the grapes to ripen: the contrast between warm, sunny days and cool nights resulted in good aromatic concentration and an excellent balance of sugar and acidity. The wines from the cool clay soils of the Entre-Deux-Mers are generous, deep in colour, with more alcohol than in 2017 but retaining their freshness.

■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

This wine is made according to traditional methods in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Alcoholic fermentation was followed by 15 days of maceration at 28°C allowing for a gentle extraction of colour and tannins.

This wine is subtly wooded, in order to keep a good balance between the fruit and the oak.

■ TASTING NOTES

Nice colour with glints of crimson. Seductive nose, offering a broad aromatic palette in which scents of red fruit and blackberries mingle with roasted notes of mocha and toast from the barrel ageing. On the palate, the wine is generous and balanced, with a pleasant freshness and superb long finish.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals : Merlot 65%, Cabernet sauvignon 35%

Yield : 45 hL/ha

Alcohol content : 13 % vol.

pH : 3.40

Total acidity : 3.30 g/l